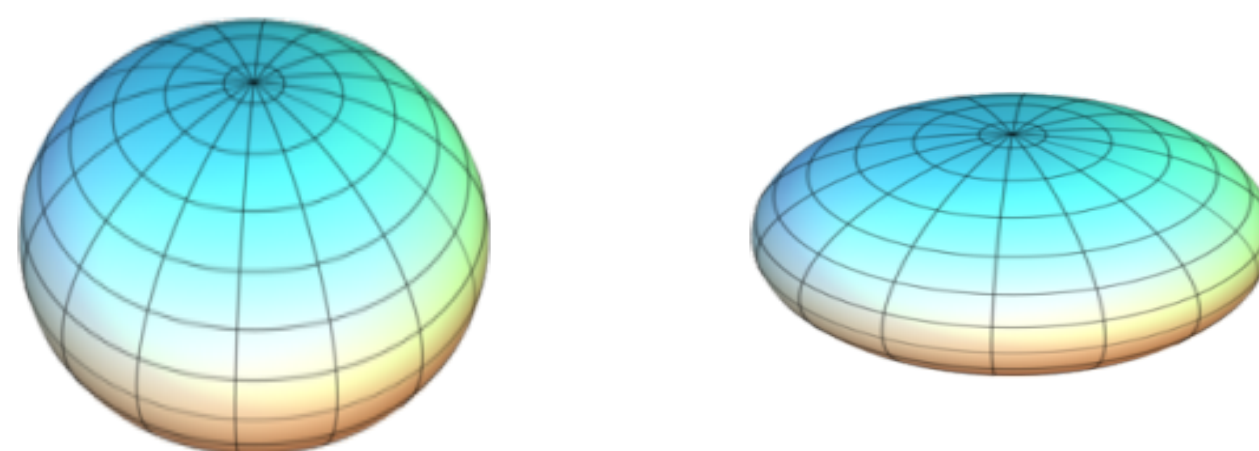


# Thermodynamics of the BMN matrix model at strong coupling

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# Motivation

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- Gauge/gravity duality as definition of quantum gravity in AdS

Dual CFT is renormalizable and unitary. Problem: how to decode the hologram?

Unfortunately field theory is strongly coupled in region of interest for quantum gravity (classical gravity  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $1/N$  expansion  $\equiv$  loop expansion).

- Would like examples where computations in both sides are within reach

Test and understand the gauge/gravity duality with observables that are not protected by SUSY and can not be computed using integrability.

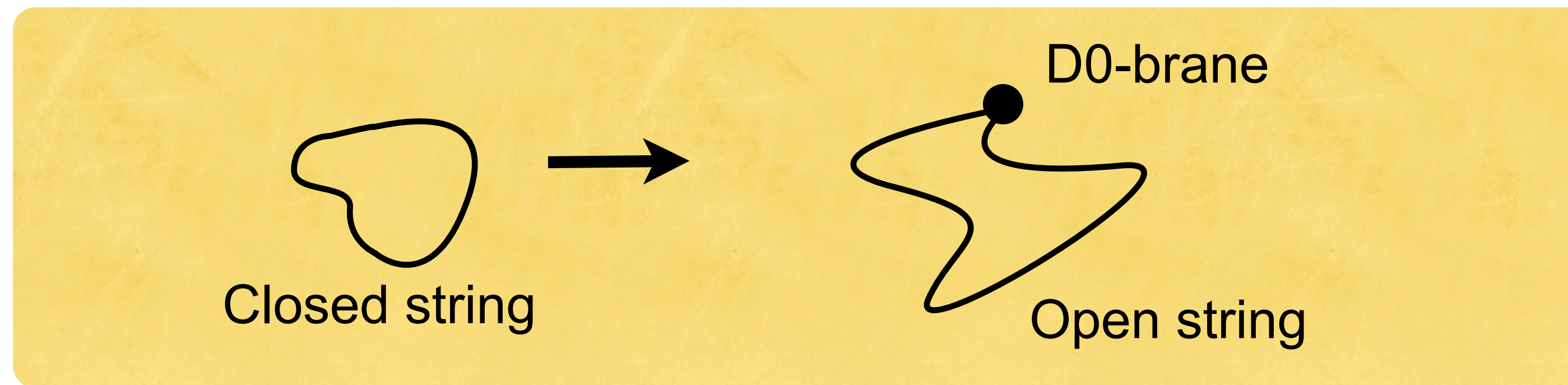
How does gravitation phenomena, like black holes, emerge from gauge theory side?

**Idea:** Study thermodynamics of black holes dual to Matrix Quantum Mechanics that can be simulated on a computer using Monte-Carlo methods.

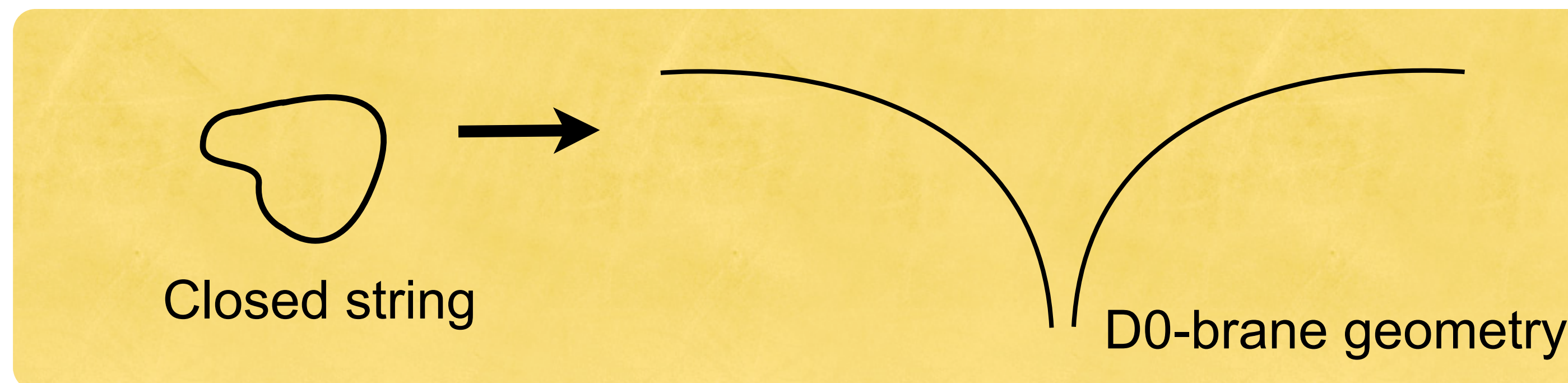
## The case of D0-branes

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- Closed strings interact with D0-branes in flat space



- Closed strings interact with geometry produced by D0-branes



# D0-branes: field theory description (matrix quantum mechanics) [Itzhaki et al '98]

$$S_{D0} = \frac{N}{2\lambda} \int dt \text{Tr} \left[ (D_t X^i)^2 + \Psi^\alpha D_t \Psi^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} [X^i, X^j]^2 + i\Psi^\alpha \gamma_{\alpha\beta}^j [\Psi^\beta, X^j] \right]$$

$X^i \equiv SU(N)$  bosonic matrices ( $i = 1, \dots, 9$ )

$\Psi \equiv SU(N)$  fermionic matrices (16 real components)

**SO(9) global symmetry**

- 't Hooft coupling is dimensionfull (relevant)

$$\lambda = g_{YM}^2 N = \frac{g_s N}{(2\pi)^2 l_s^3} \equiv \text{mass}^3$$

$$\lambda_{eff} = \frac{\lambda}{E^3}$$

$E \rightarrow \infty$  (UV)  $\equiv$  weak coupling

$E \rightarrow 0$  (IR)  $\equiv$  strong coupling

- Dual 10D gravitational coupling

$$16\pi G_N l_s^{-8} = (2\pi)^{11} \frac{(\lambda l_s^3)^2}{N^2}$$

- Theory on Euclidean time circle with periodicity  $\beta = 1/T$

$$S_{D0} = \frac{N}{2\lambda} \int_0^\beta dt \text{Tr} \left[ \cdots \right]$$

Dimensionless temperature  $\tau = \frac{T}{\lambda^{1/3}}$

Low temperatures is strong coupling

- Can put theory on a computer using Monte Carlo simulations, accessing in particular strongly coupled region.

Dimensionless mean energy

$$\frac{\epsilon}{N^2} = \frac{E}{N^2 \lambda^{1/3}}$$

## D0-branes: gravitational description

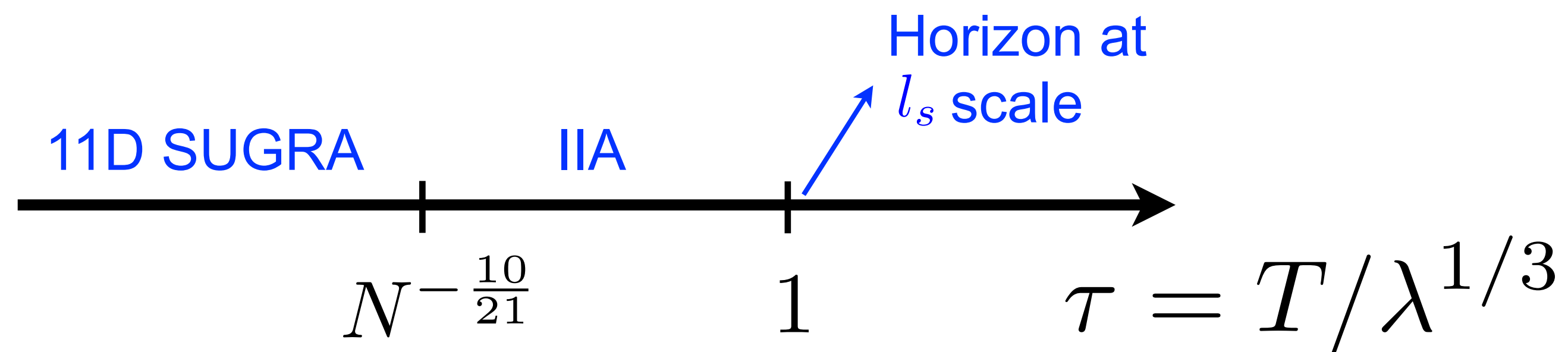
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- 11D SUGRA solution (near horizon geometry of non-extremal D0-brane)

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_8^2 + \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^7 dz^2 + f(r) dt \left( 2dz - \left(\frac{r_0}{R}\right)^7 dt \right)$$

$$f(r) = 1 - \left(\frac{r_0}{r}\right)^7, \quad \left(\frac{R}{l_s}\right)^7 = 60\pi^3 g_s N, \quad \left(\frac{r_0}{l_s}\right)^5 = \frac{120\pi^2}{49} (2\pi g_s N)^{\frac{5}{3}} \tau^2$$

- Classical gravity domain (at horizon)



$$l_s^2 \mathcal{R}(r_0) \ll 1 \Rightarrow \tau \ll 1$$

$$g_s e^{\phi(r_0)} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \tau \gg N^{-\frac{10}{21}}$$

- Standard gravitation thermodynamics

$$S = \frac{A_H}{4G_N} = d_1 N^2 \tau^{\frac{9}{5}}$$

$$d_1 = 4^{\frac{13}{5}} 15^{\frac{2}{5}} \left(\frac{\pi}{7}\right)^{\frac{14}{5}}$$

$$\frac{\epsilon}{N^2} = c_1 \tau^{\frac{14}{5}}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{9}{14} d_1 \quad (\text{because } dE = TdS)$$

- $\alpha'$  corrections give next term in  $\tau$  expansion, at large N [Hanada et al'08]

$$\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left( \mathcal{R} + \dots + \alpha'^3 \mathcal{R}^4 + \dots \right) \Rightarrow \frac{S}{N^2} = d_1 \tau^{\frac{9}{5}} \left( 1 + d_2 \tau^{\frac{9}{5}} \right)$$

fixes next power in  $\tau$  expansion

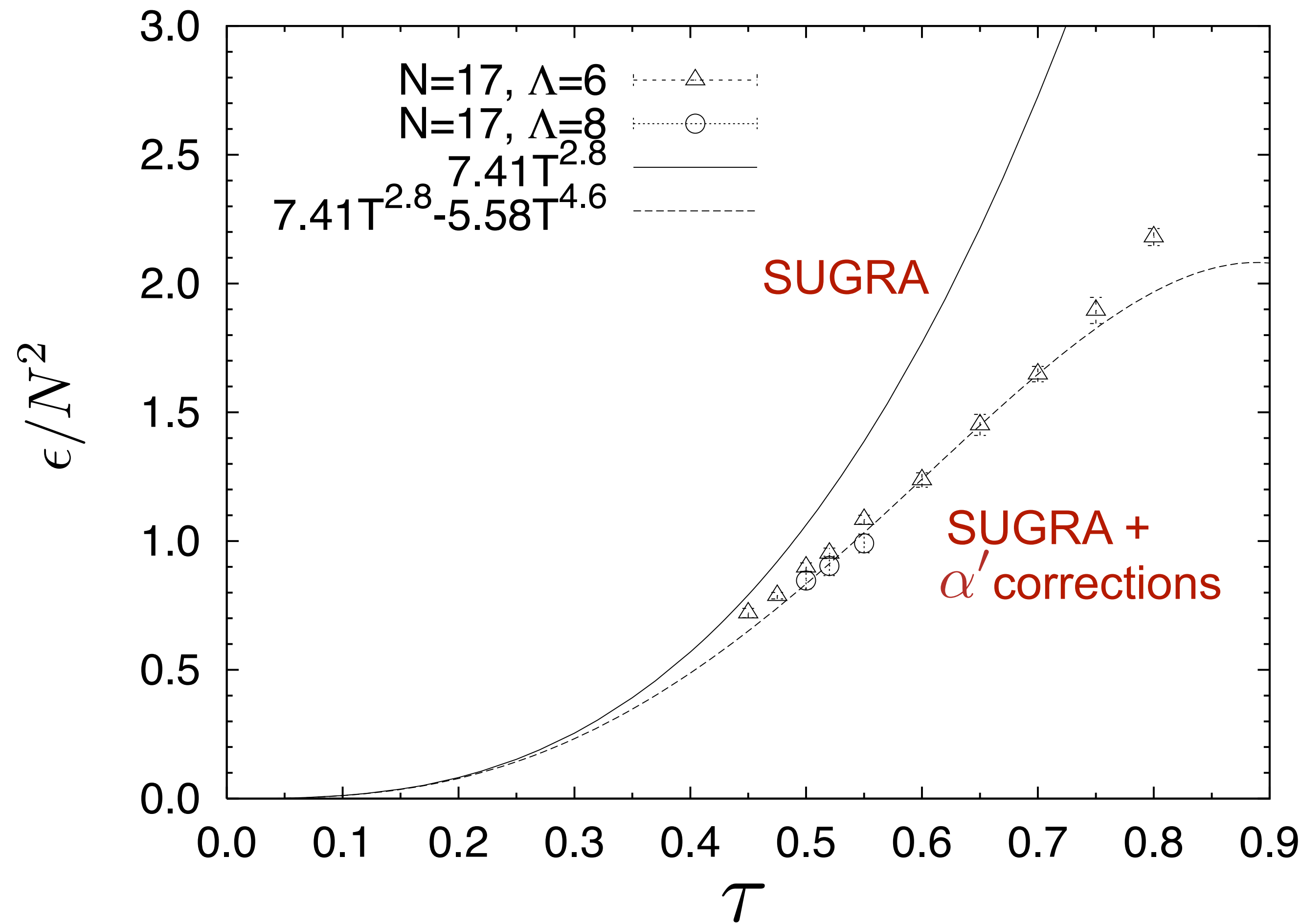
- $l_P$  corrections to 11D SUGRA give  $1/N$  correction (solution purely gravitational)

$$\frac{1}{16\pi G_{11}} \int d^{11}x \sqrt{-g} \left( \mathcal{R} + l_P^6 \mathcal{R}^4 \right) \Rightarrow \frac{S}{N^2} = d_1 \tau^{\frac{9}{5}} + \frac{1}{N^2} d_3 \tau^{-\frac{3}{5}}$$

fixes both coefficient and power of  $1/N^2$  correction

- Low temperature expansion predicted from gravity

$$\frac{\epsilon}{N^2} = \left[ \textcircled{C_1} \tau^{\frac{14}{5}} + \textcircled{C_2} \tau^{\frac{23}{5}} + \dots \right] + \frac{1}{N^2} \left[ \cancel{C_3 \tau^{\frac{2}{5}} + \dots} \right] + \dots$$



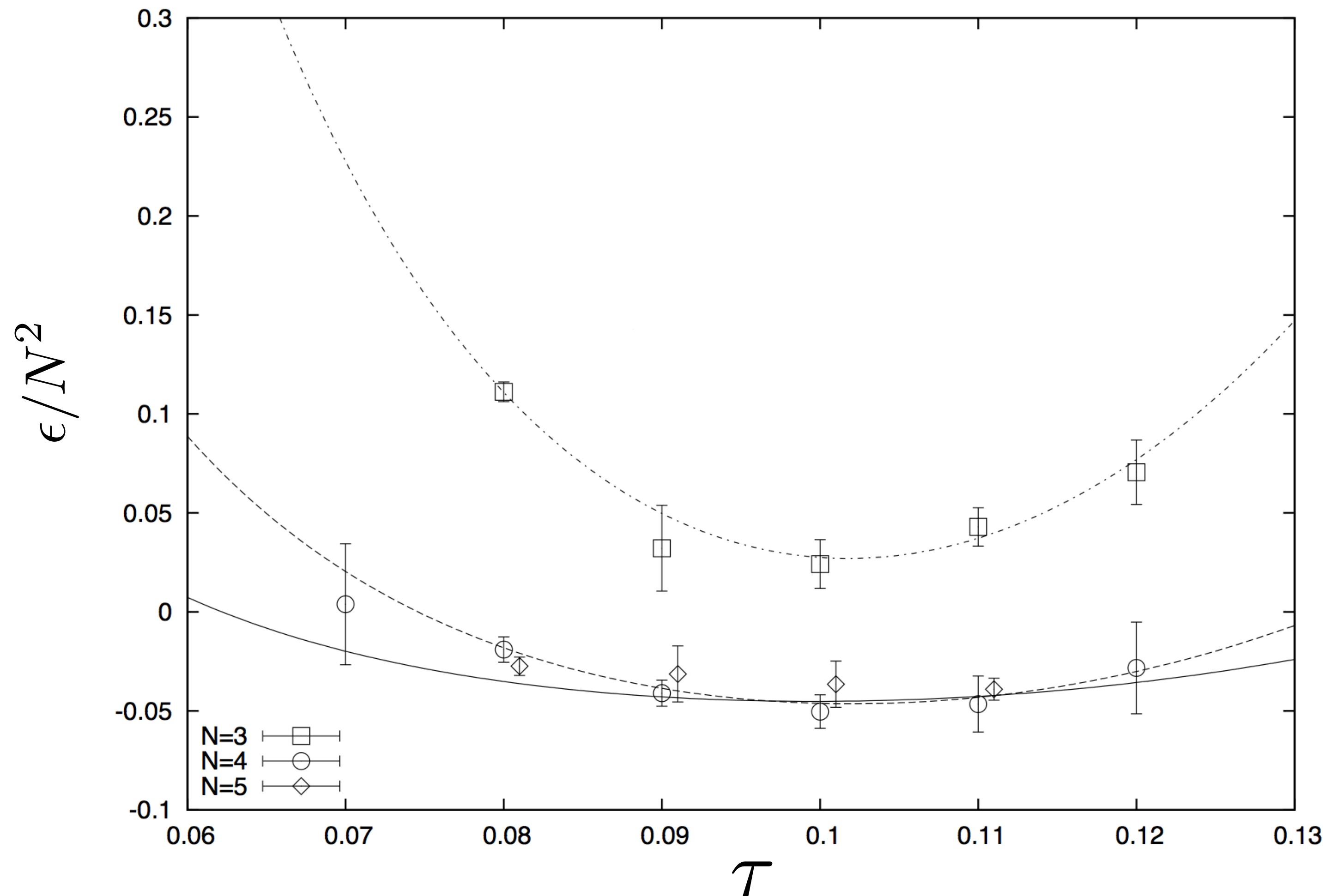
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simulation  
of MQM

- $\times$  negligible
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- $\textcircled{\phantom{x}}$  predicted



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[Hyakutake '13]

[Hanada, Hyakutake, Ishiki, Nishimura '13]

## Today's talk is not about D0-brane matrix model

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- Caveat: canonical ensemble ill defined - IR divergences from flat directions in D0-brane moduli space. This is suppressed at large N (metastable state), but it is a source of tension in Monte Carlo simulations [Catterall, Wiseman '09]

$$\frac{F(T, r)}{N^2} \sim \mathcal{F}_{finite}(T) + \frac{9}{N} \ln r$$

Instability corresponds to Hawking radiation of D0-branes. At large N this is suppressed and black hole is stable (positive specific heat).

- **Today's talk is about BMN matrix model** [Berenstein, Maldacena, Nastase '02]

Mass deformation resolves IR divergence - canonical ensemble well defined.

Much richer thermodynamics with a 1st order phase transition (at large N there are two dimensionless parameters).

# BMN matrix model

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$$S = S_{D0} - \frac{N}{2\lambda} \int dt \text{Tr} \left[ \frac{\mu^2}{3^2} (X^i)^2 + \frac{\mu^2}{6^2} (X^a)^2 + \frac{\mu}{4} \Psi^\alpha (\gamma^{123})_{\alpha\beta} \Psi^\beta + i \frac{2\mu}{3} \epsilon_{ijk} X^i X^j X^k \right]$$

Massive deformation of D0-brane MQM. Preserves SUSY but **breaks**  $SO(9) \rightarrow SO(6) \times SO(3)$   
 $a = 4, \dots, 9$      $i = 1, 2, 3$

In large N 't Hooft limit dimensionless coupling constant

$$\lambda = \frac{g_{\text{YM}}^2 N}{\mu^3}$$

Many vacua

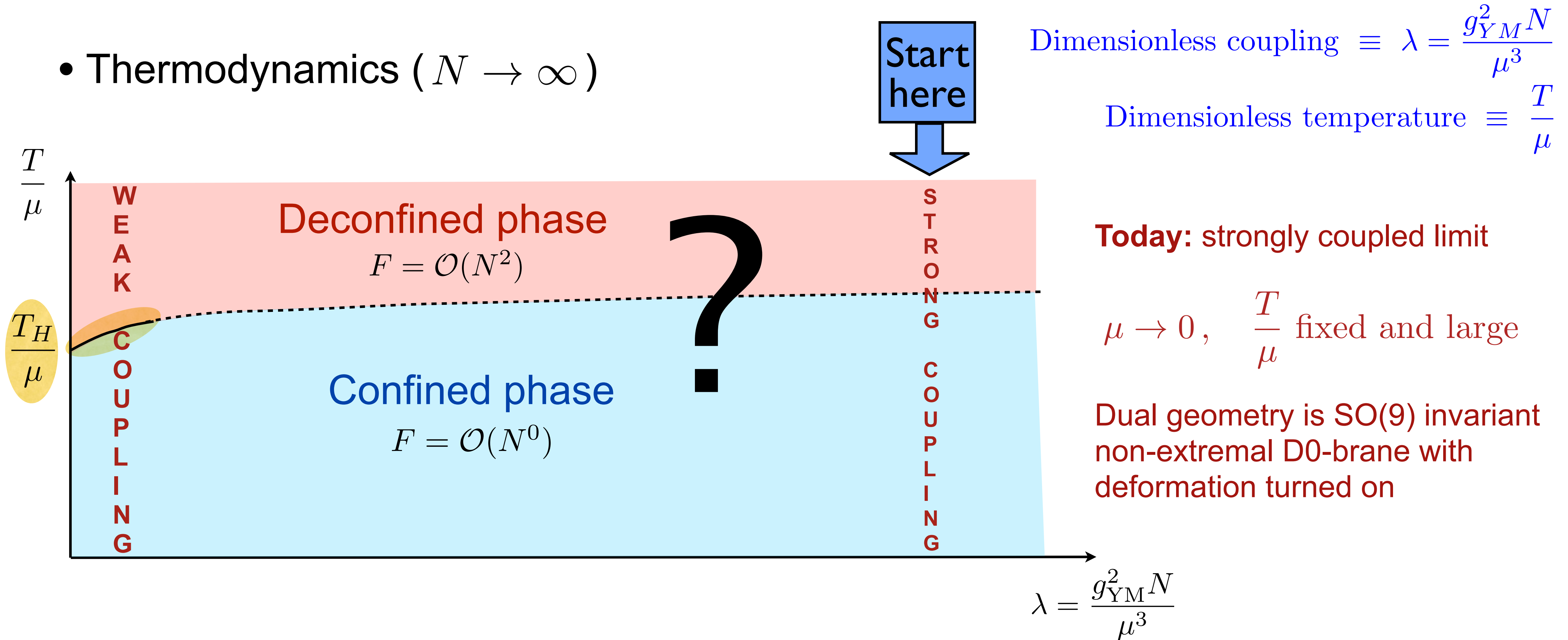
$$X^a = 0 \quad X^i = \frac{\mu}{3} J^i \quad [J^i, J^j] = i \epsilon^{ijk} J^k$$

**Focus on trivial vacuum (single M5-brane) that is SO(9) invariant**

$$X^i = X^a = 0$$

Canonical ensemble is well defined and may still be simulated on a computer.

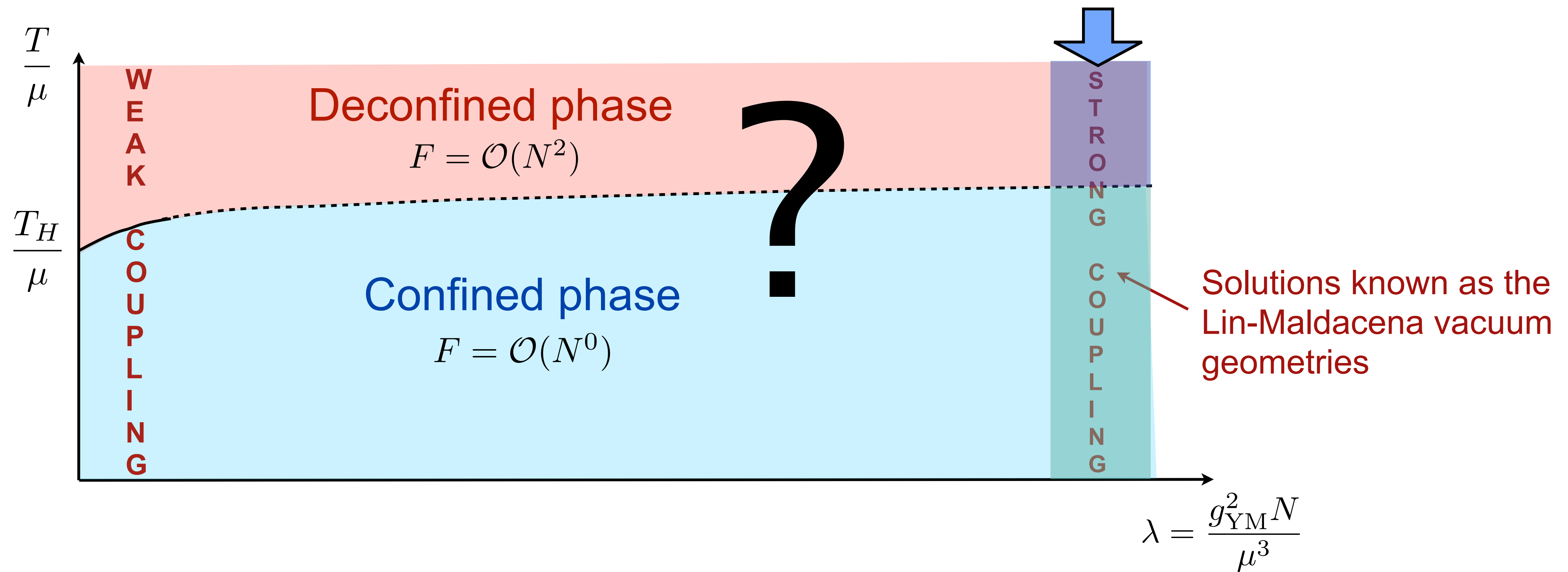
- Thermodynamics ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ )



Exponential growth of spectrum with energy  $\rightarrow$  Hagedorn transition

First-order phase transition at

$$\frac{T_c}{\mu} = \frac{1}{12 \log 3} \left[ 1 + \frac{2^6 5}{3^4} \lambda - c \lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^3) \right] \approx 0.076 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda)$$



- At strong coupling, for large temperature, dual geometry is  $SO(9)$  invariant and is approximately the non-extremal D0-brane solution

$$ds^2 = \frac{dr^2}{f(r)} + r^2 d\Omega_8^2 + \frac{R^7}{r^7} dz^2 + f(r) dt \left( 2dz - \frac{r_0^7}{R^7} dt \right)$$

$$dC = \mu dt \wedge dx^1 \wedge dx^2 \wedge dx^3$$

Non-normalizable mode responsible for massive deformation

Need back-reaction to decrease temperature and study phase transition at strong coupling. In particular,

$$SO(9) \rightarrow SO(6) \times SO(3)$$

• Ansatz for 11D SUGRA

$$ds^2 = -A \frac{(1-y^7)}{y^7} d\eta^2 + T_4 y^7 \left[ d\zeta + \Omega \frac{(1-y^7)}{y^7} d\eta \right]^2$$

$$+ \frac{1}{y^2} \left[ B \frac{(dy + F dx)^2}{(1-y^7)y^2} + \underbrace{T_1 \frac{4dx^2}{2-x^2} + T_2 x^2(2-x^2)d\Omega_2^2 + T_3 (1-x^2)^2 d\Omega_5^2}_{d\Omega_8^2 \text{ if } T_1=T_2=T_3=1} \right]$$

$$C = (M d\eta + L d\zeta) \wedge d^2\Omega_2$$

M-theory circle  $\zeta \sim \zeta + 2\pi$

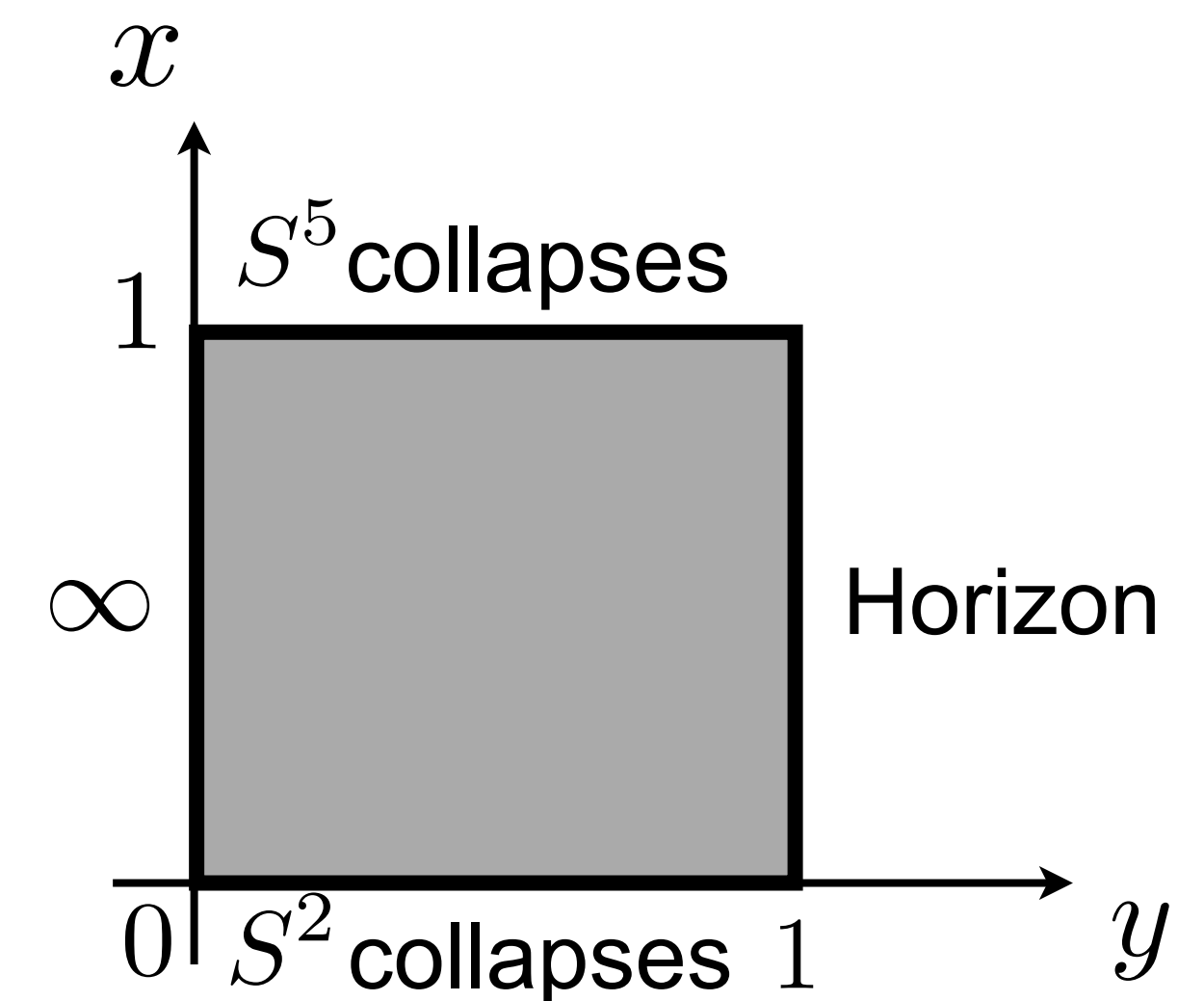
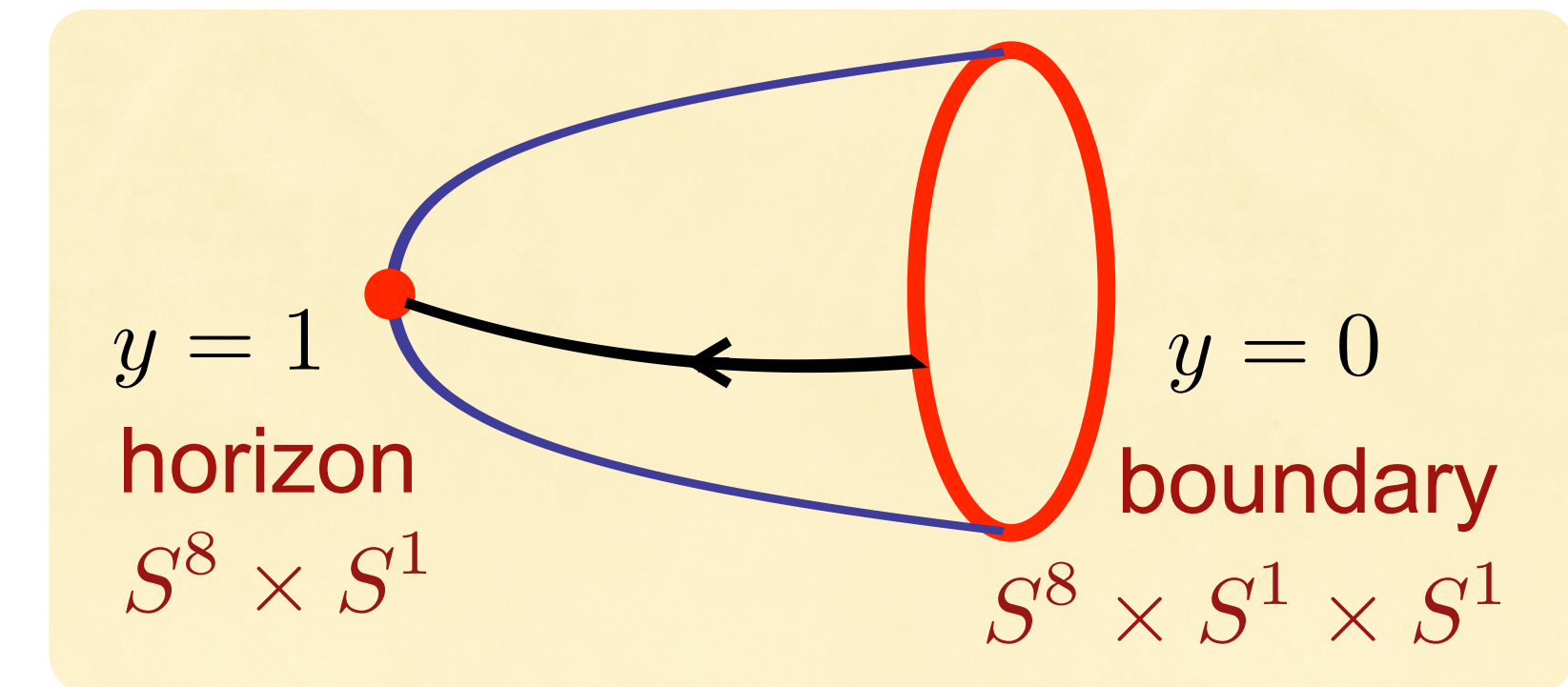
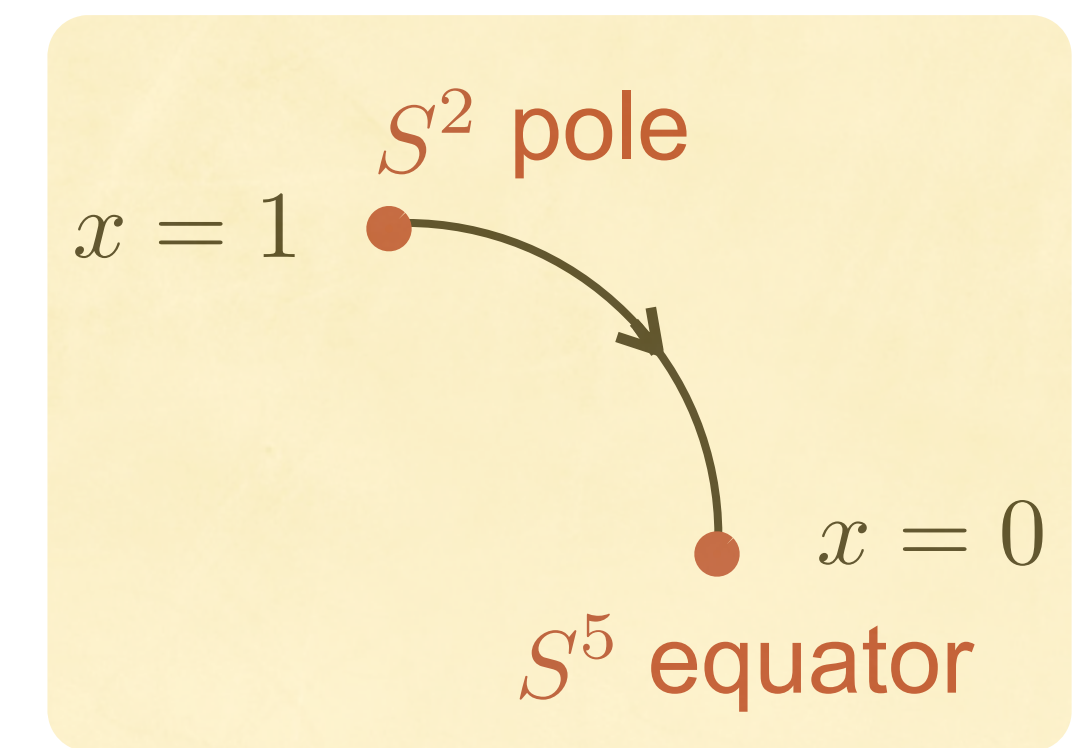
$x$  is a angular coordinate on compact 8-dimensional space with  $S^8$  topology

$y$  is a radial coordinate from boundary ( $y = 0$ ) to horizon ( $y = 1$ )

$A, B, F, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, \Omega, M, L$  are functions of  $x$  and  $y$

Tailored to numerical implementation

(domain of unknown is the unit square; everything dimensionless)

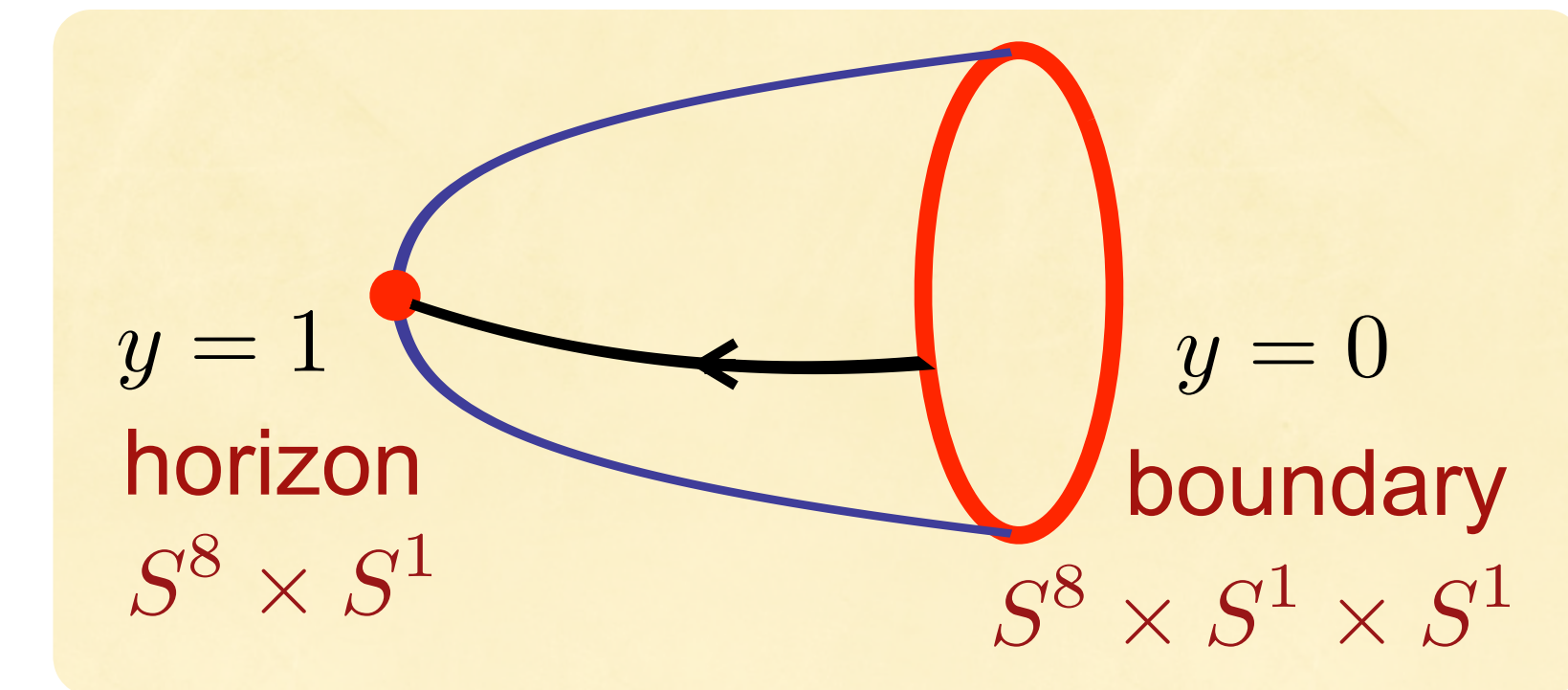
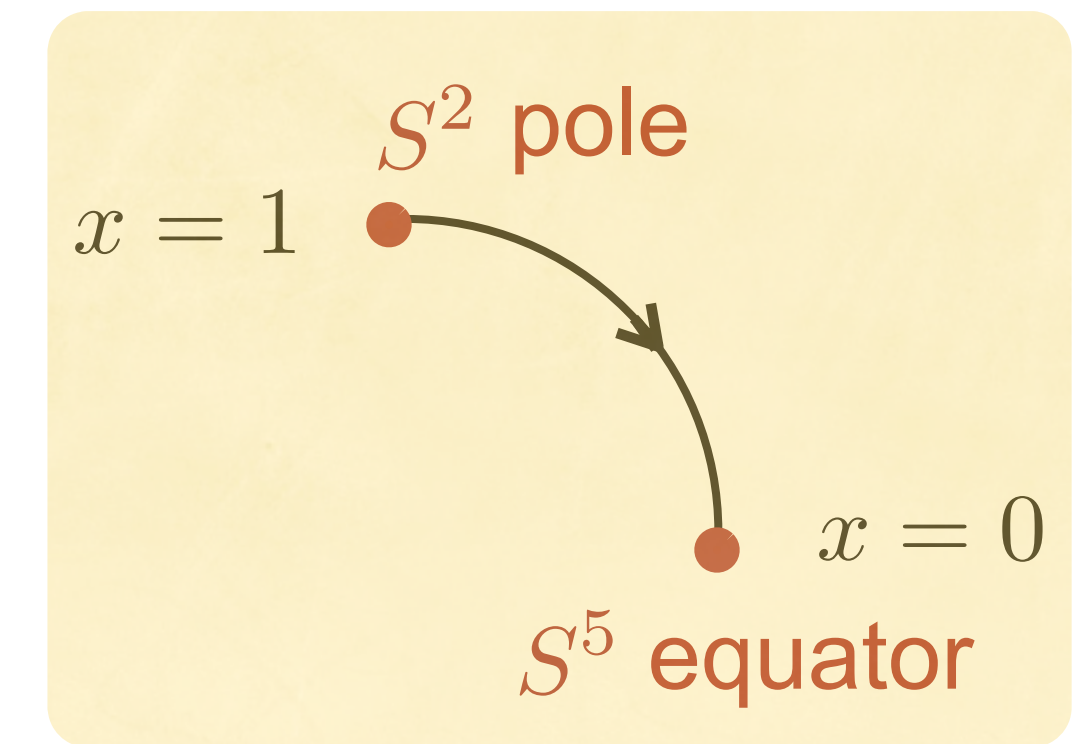


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Non-extremal D0-brane solution corresponds to

$$A = B = T_1 = T_2 = T_3 = T_4 = \Omega = 1, \quad F = M = L = 0, \quad \beta = \frac{4\pi}{7} \text{ (Euclidean time circle)}$$

and need to use scaling symmetry of 11D SUGRA action

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow s^2 g_{\mu\nu}, \quad C_{\mu\nu\rho} \rightarrow s^3 C_{\mu\nu\rho} \quad \Rightarrow \quad I \rightarrow s^9 I$$

$$\zeta \sim \zeta + 2\pi \rightarrow \zeta \sim \zeta + 2\pi s' \quad \Rightarrow \quad I \rightarrow s' I$$

with

$$s = r_0$$

$$s' = \left( \frac{R}{r_0} \right)^{\frac{7}{2}} \frac{g_s \ell_s}{r_0}$$

This scaling symmetry will be important later...

- Boundary conditions

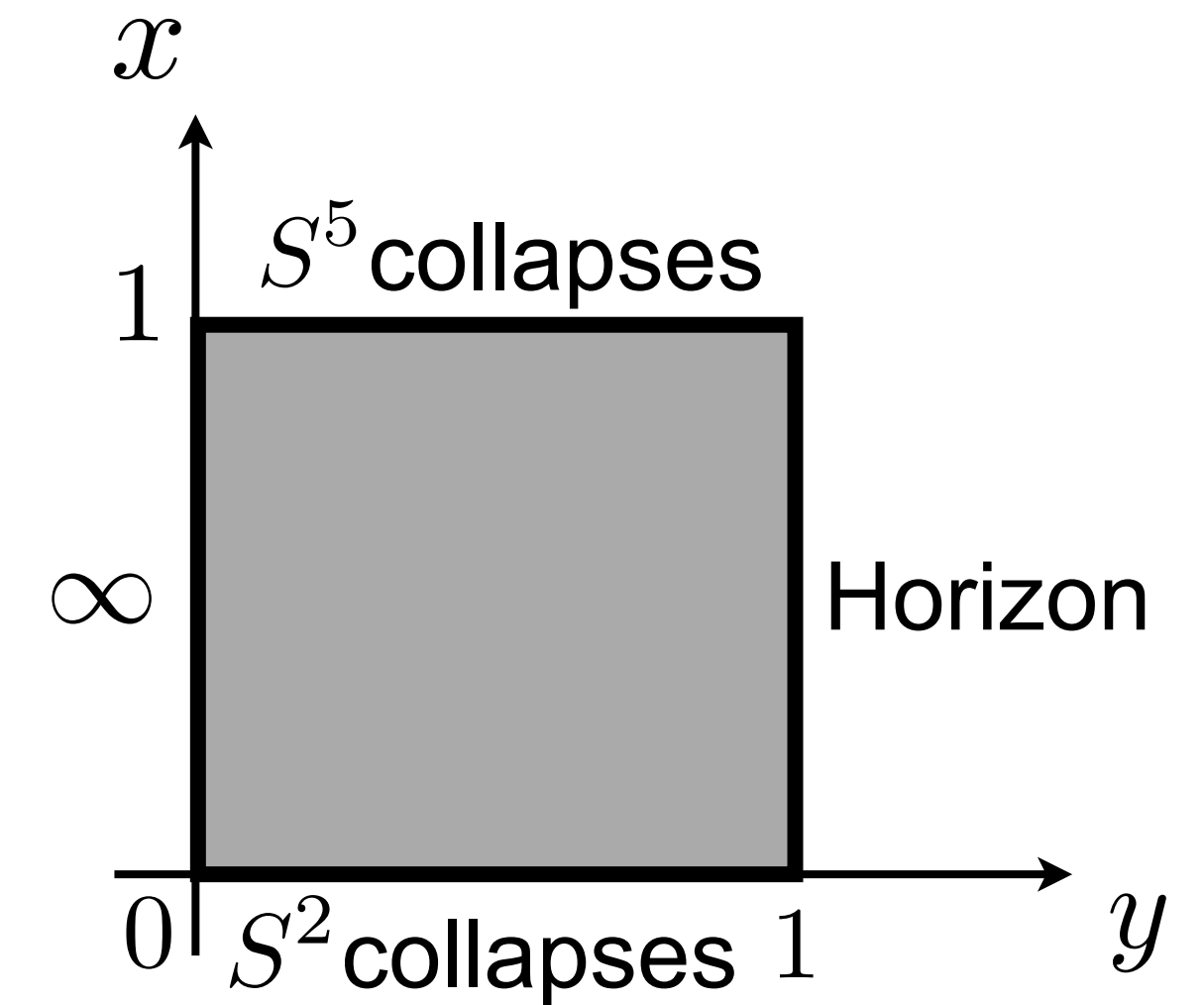
At infinity ( $y = 0$ ):  $A, B, T_1, T_2, T_3, T_4, \Omega \rightarrow 1, \quad F \rightarrow 0$

$$M \rightarrow \hat{\mu} \frac{x^3(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{y^3}, \quad L \rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \hat{\mu} y^4 x^3(2-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

Recall that

$$C = (M d\eta + L d\zeta) \wedge d^2\Omega_2$$

$SO(6) \times SO(3)$  invariant tensor harmonic



Regularity at the axis of symmetry: horizon ( $y = 1$ ),  $S^2$  pole ( $x = 1$ ) and  $S^5$  equator ( $x = 0$ ).

Perform above scalings, then geometry has asymptotics of non-extremal D0-brane with temperature  $T$  and mass deformation turned on. There is a **single parameter**

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{7}{12\pi} \frac{\mu}{T}$$

**Important!** Just learned that

$$I = \frac{s^9 s'}{16\pi G_N} \hat{I}\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) = \frac{15}{28} \left(\frac{15}{14^2 \pi^8}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} N^2 \left(\frac{T}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^{\frac{9}{5}} \hat{I}\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)$$

$$S = \frac{s^9 s'}{4G_N} \hat{S}\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right) = \frac{15\pi}{7} \left(\frac{15}{14^2 \pi^8}\right)^{\frac{5}{2}} N^2 \left(\frac{T}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^{\frac{9}{5}} \hat{S}\left(\frac{\mu}{T}\right)$$



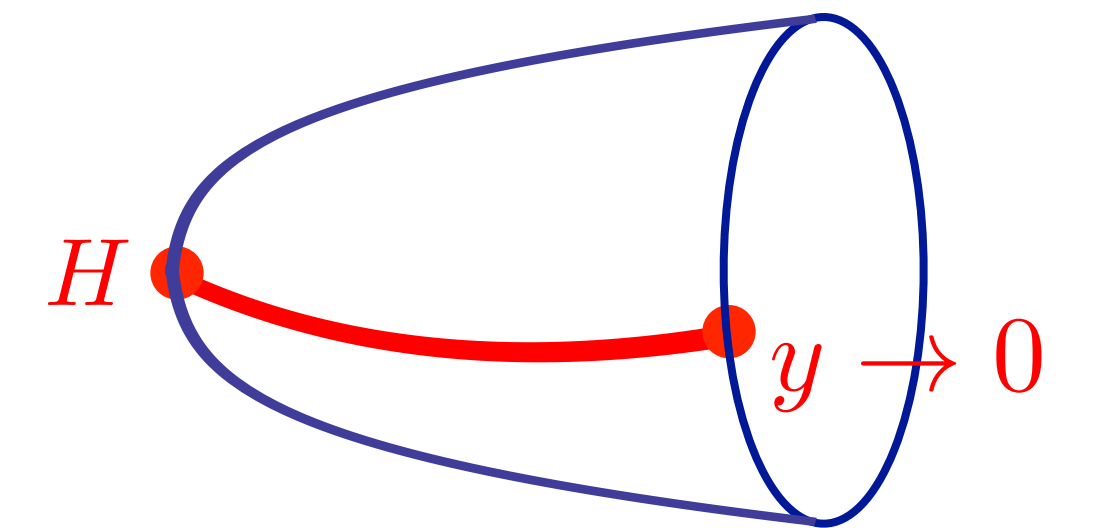
## Smarr formulae (good to check numerics)

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- Let  $v^\mu$  be a killing vector. From field equations it follows that

$$(K_v)^{\mu\nu} = \nabla^\mu v^\nu + \frac{1}{3} F^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} v^\gamma C_{\alpha\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{6} v^{[\mu} F^{\nu]\alpha\beta\gamma} C_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

is a conserved antisymmetric tensor, i.e.  $d(\star K_v) = 0$



- Integrate  $d(\star K_v) = 0$  over surface of constant time with  $y_1 < y < y_2$

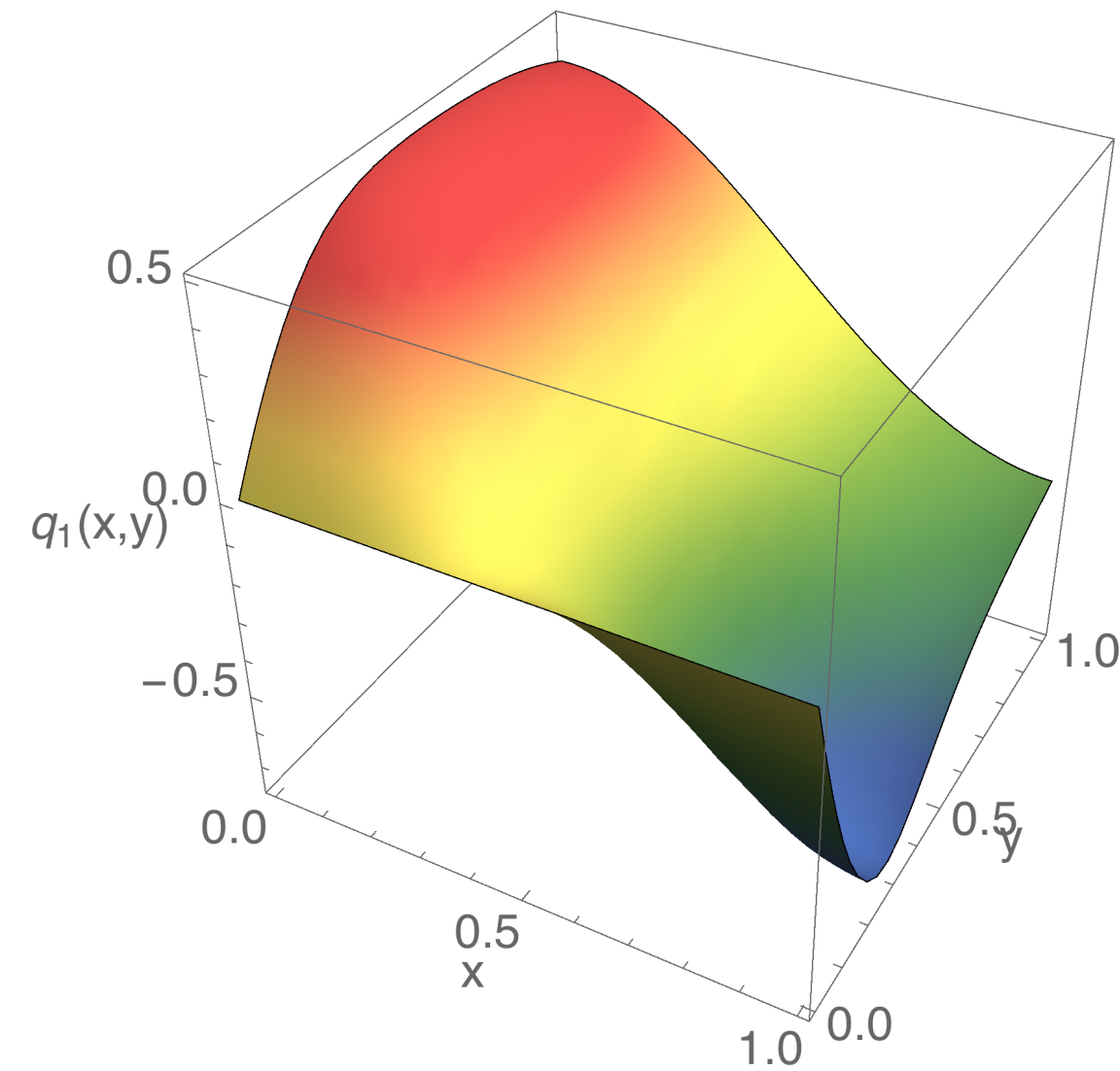
$$0 = \int_{\Sigma_{12}} d(\star K_v) = \int_{\partial\Sigma_{12}} \star K_v = \int_H \star K_v - \int_{y \rightarrow 0} \star K_v$$

- For example take  $v = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta}$  (time translations generator)

Smarr formula relates horizon area to boundary data

$$\frac{7}{2} \hat{S} = \int_{y \rightarrow 0} \star K_v$$

# The solution

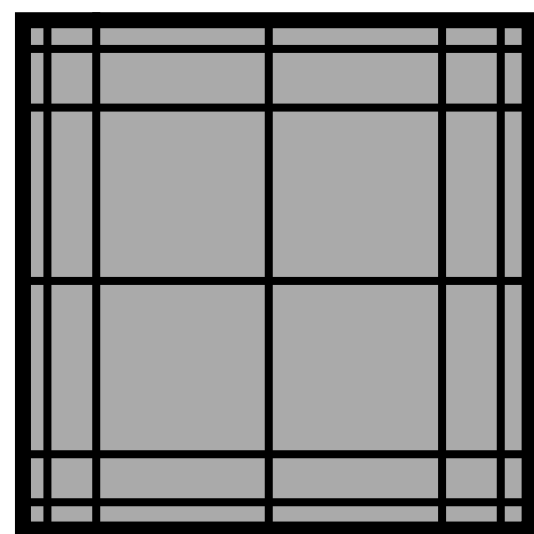


- Einstein-deTurck equations [Headrick, Kitchen, Wiseman '09]

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_{(\mu} \xi_{\nu)} = \frac{1}{12} \left( F_{\mu\alpha\beta\gamma} F_{\nu}{}^{\alpha\beta\gamma} - \frac{1}{12} g_{\mu\nu} F^2 \right)$$

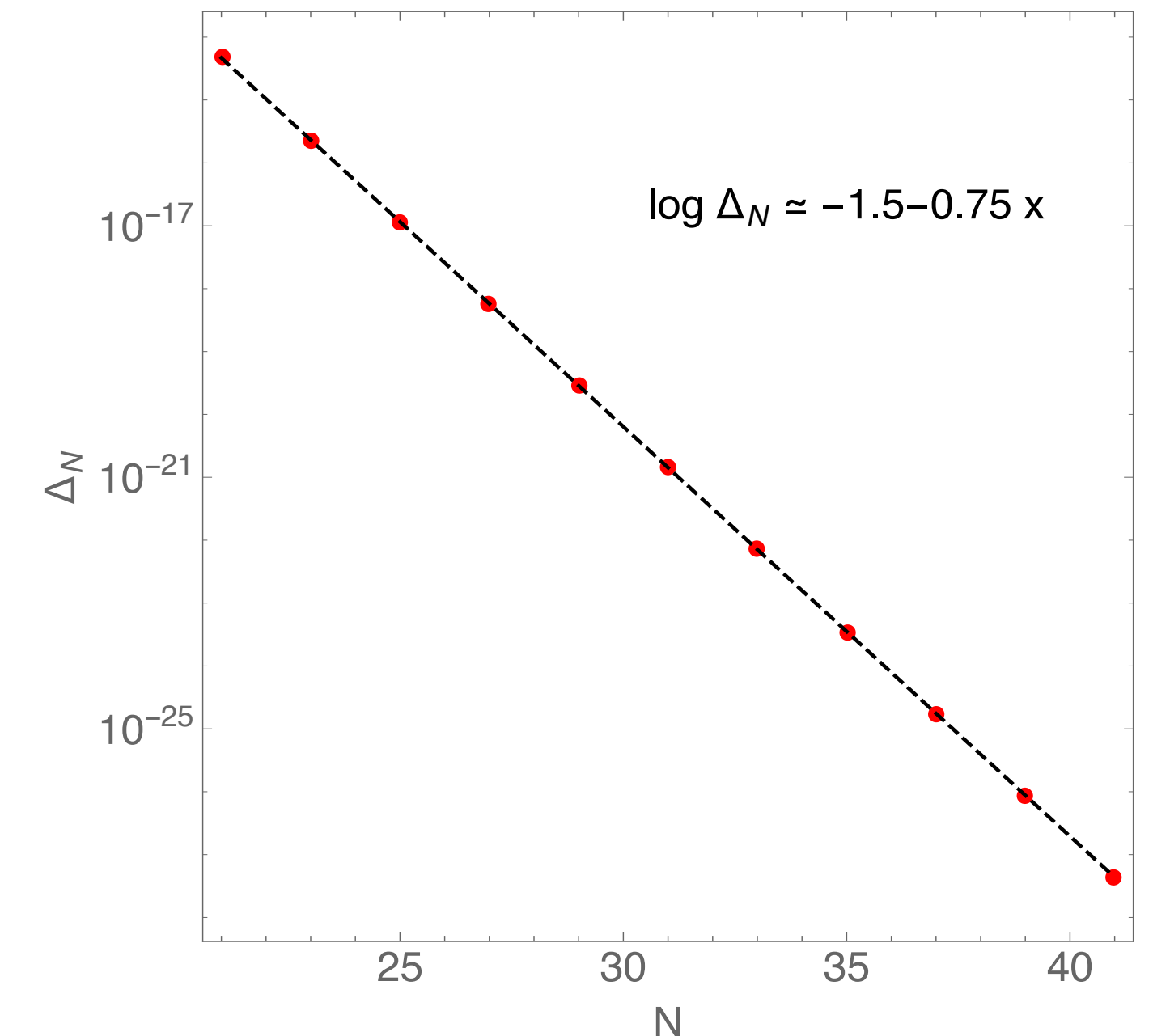
DeTurck term that makes Einstein equations elliptic  $\xi^\mu = g^{\alpha\beta} \left( \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu - \tilde{\Gamma}_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \right)$

- Descretize PDEs with  $N \times N$  Chebyshev grid



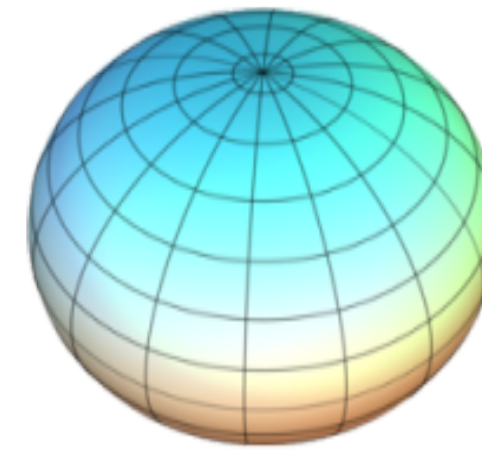
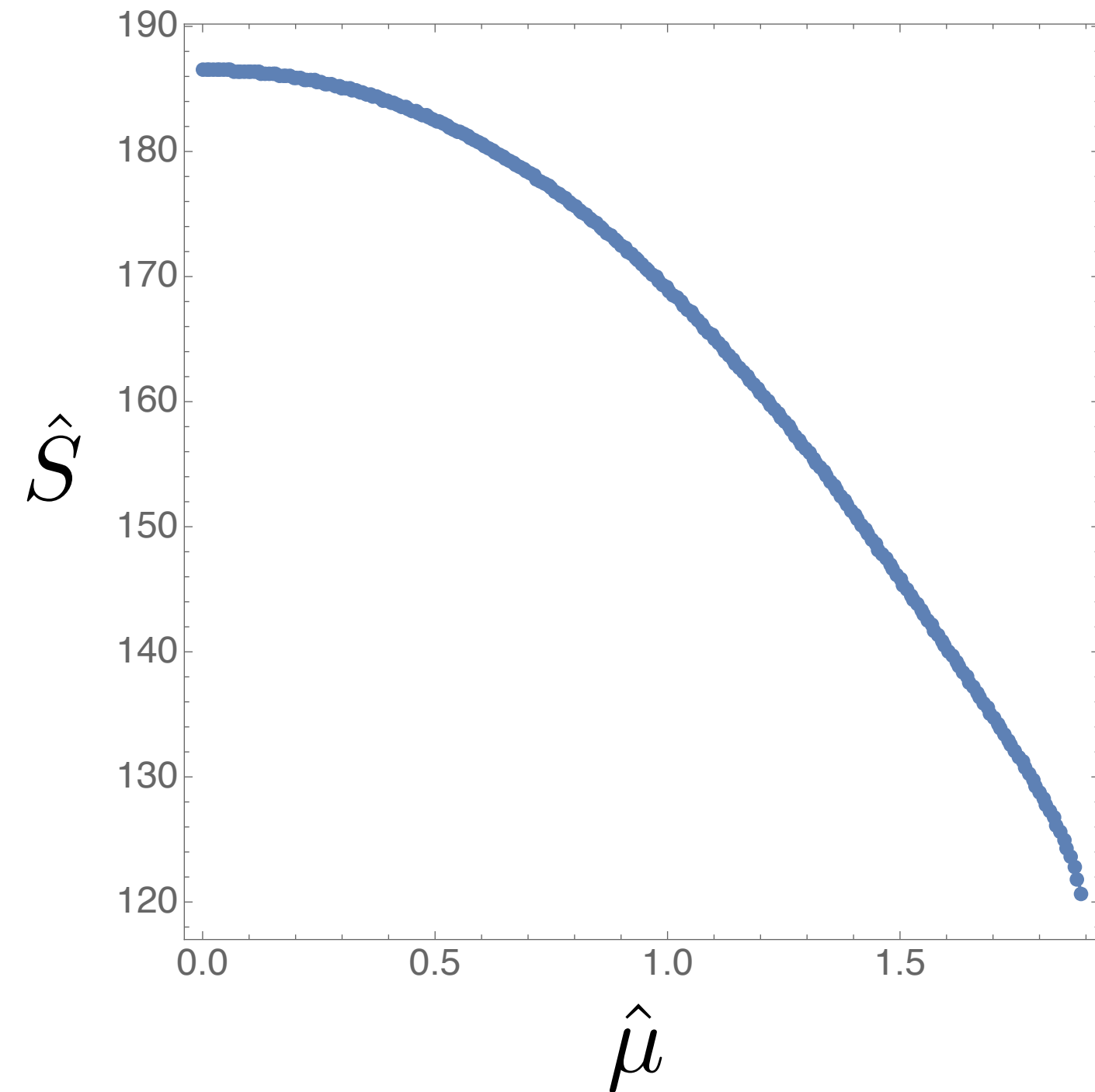
Derivatives are estimated using polynomial approximation that involves all points in the grid  
spectral methods - exponential convergence

$$\Delta_N = \left| 1 - \frac{\text{Area}_N}{\text{Area}_{N+1}} \right|$$

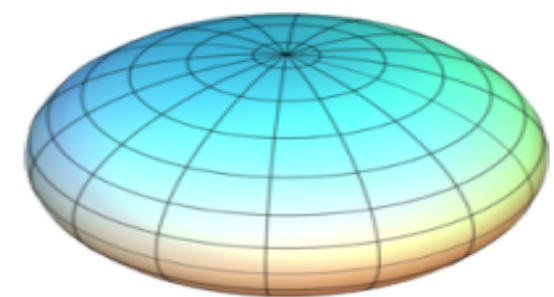
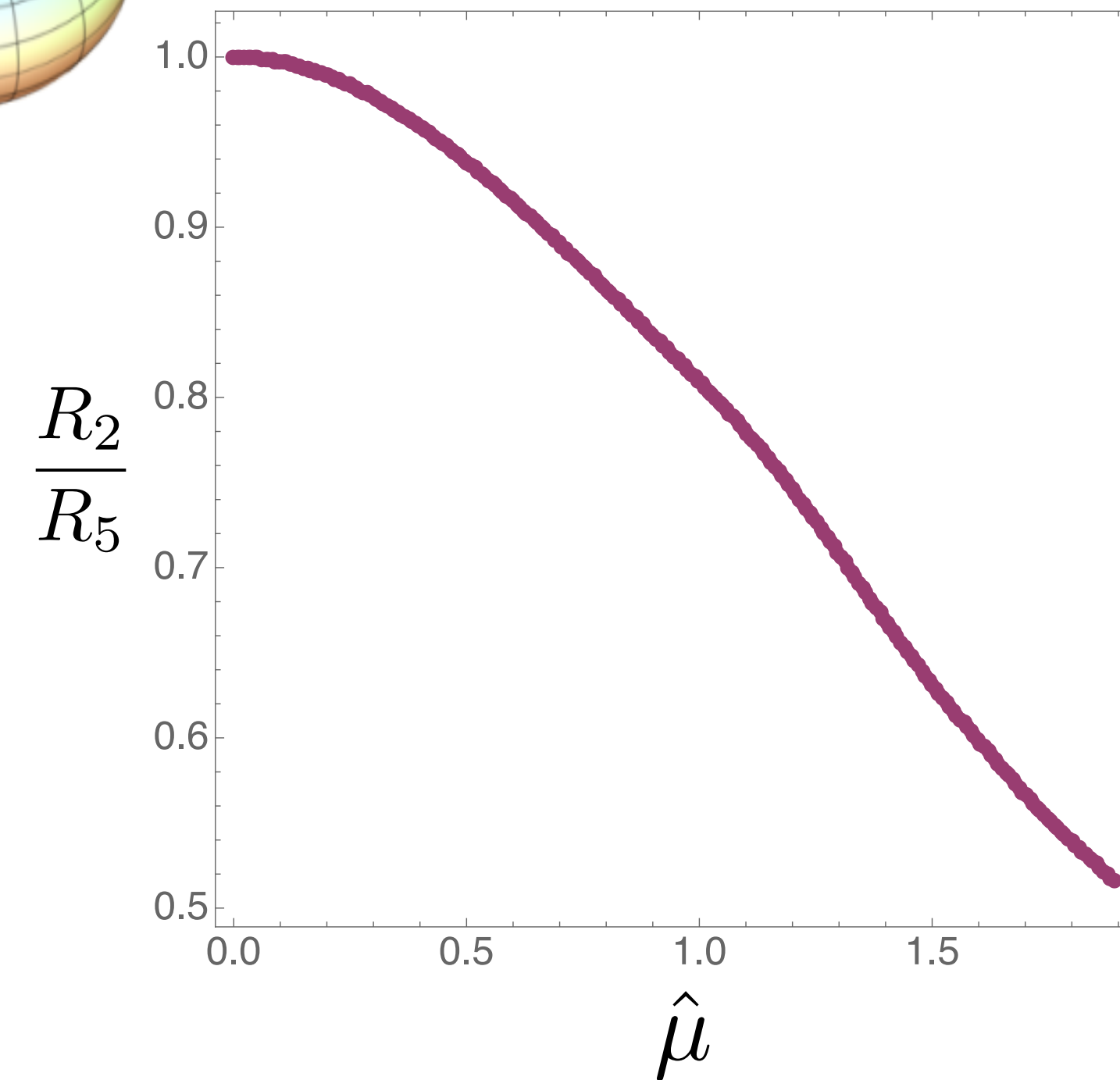


- Horizon area and shape

Horizon area



Ratio of maximal radius of  $S^2$  to  $S^5$



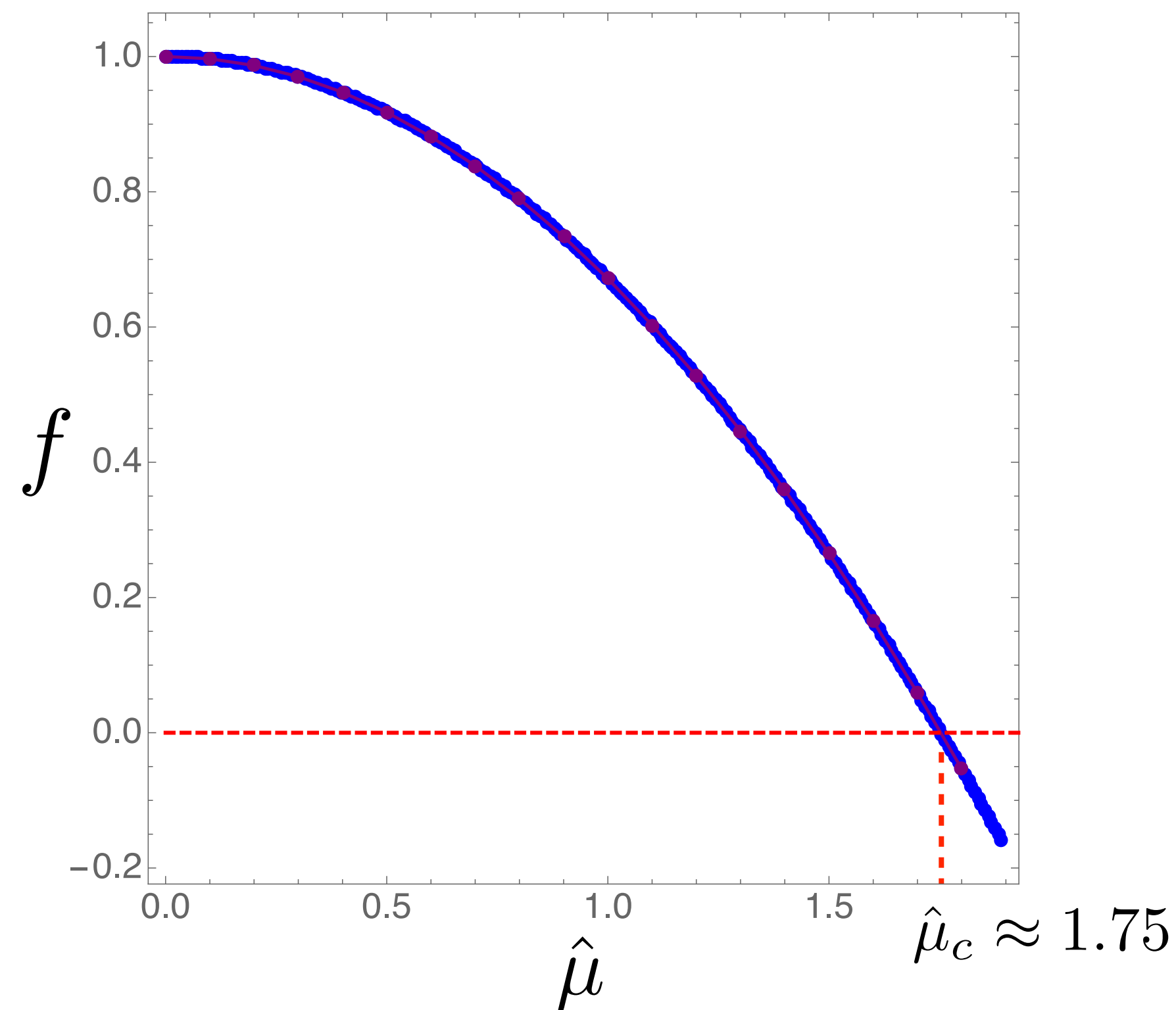
After scaling symmetry to obtain physical metric:

$$S = \frac{15\pi}{7} \left( \frac{15}{14^2\pi^8} \right)^{\frac{2}{5}} N^2 \left( \frac{T}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)^{\frac{9}{5}} \hat{S} \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right)$$

$$R_i = a_i \left( \frac{T}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)^{\frac{2}{5}} \hat{R}_i \left( \frac{\mu}{T} \right)$$

Reproduces scalings predicted from strongly coupled low energy moduli estimate [Wiseman '13]

# Black hole thermodynamics - critical temperature



$$F(T, \mu) = F(T, 0) f(\hat{\mu})$$

$$= -c_1 T^{\frac{14}{5}} f(\hat{\mu})$$

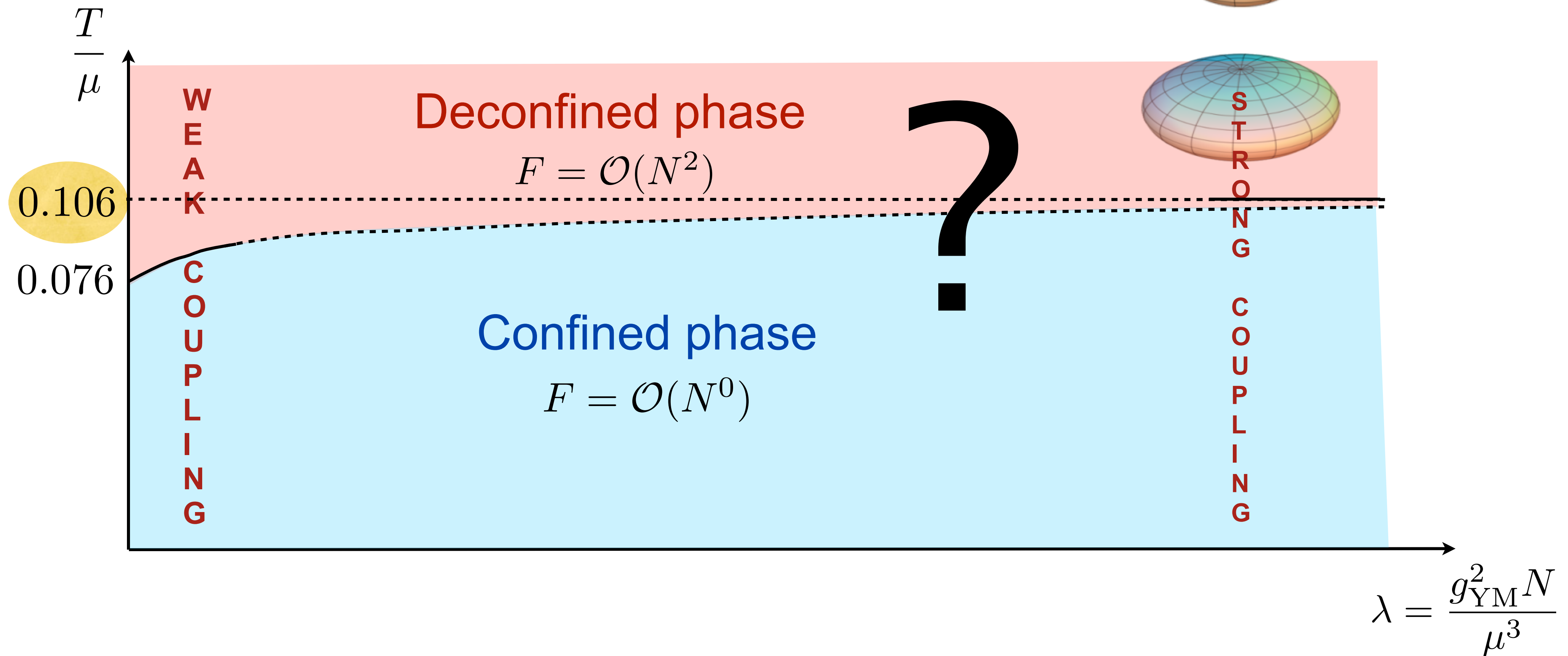
both using 1st law or  
holographic renormalization

- Phase transition occurs when free energy changes sign, since for  $T < T_c$  geometry without horizon is favoured  $F \sim \mathcal{O}(N^0)$  [Lin, Maldacena '05]

$$\frac{T_c}{\mu} = \frac{7}{12\pi \hat{\mu}_c} \approx 0.106$$

- BH is thermodynamically stable for  $\hat{\mu} < \hat{\mu}_c$
- $$c = T \left( \frac{\partial S}{\partial T} \right)_{\mu} \Rightarrow \frac{c}{S} = \frac{9}{5} - \hat{\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial \hat{\mu}} \log s(\hat{\mu}) > 0$$

# Phase diagram at large N



Very similar to SYM on a 3-sphere ( $\mu \equiv 1/R$ )

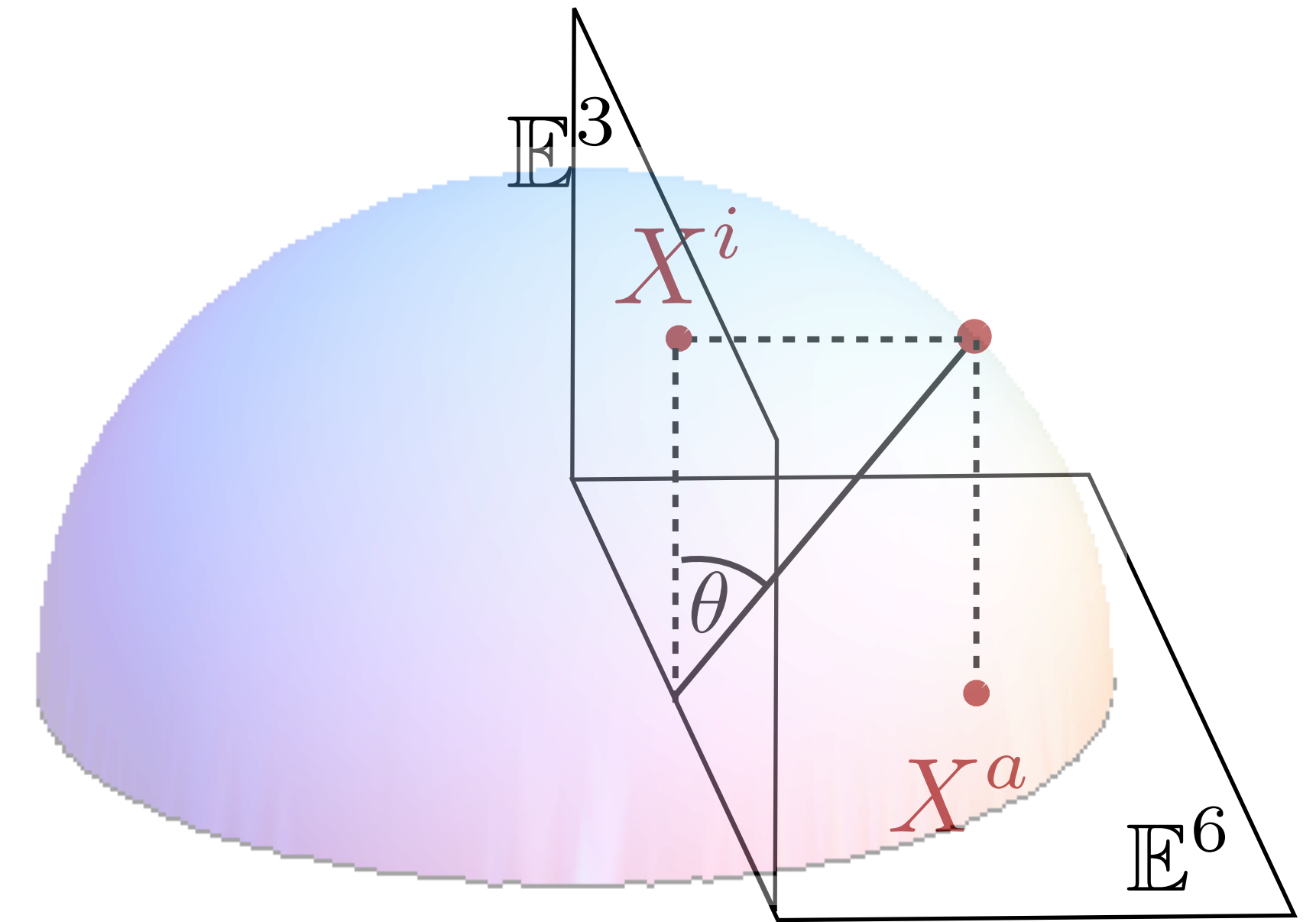
[Aharony, Marsano, Minwalla, Papadodimas, van Raamsdonk '03]

## Boundary data

- The 10 functions  $Q_i(x, y)$  admit expansion near the boundary ( $y = 0$ )

$$Q_i(x, y) = \sum_j y^j \tilde{Q}_i^j(x)$$

To preserve  $SO(6) \times SO(3)$  depends on ratio of radii

$$\sin \theta = \frac{R_5}{R_2} = \left( \frac{X^a X_a}{X^i X_i} \right)^{1/2}$$


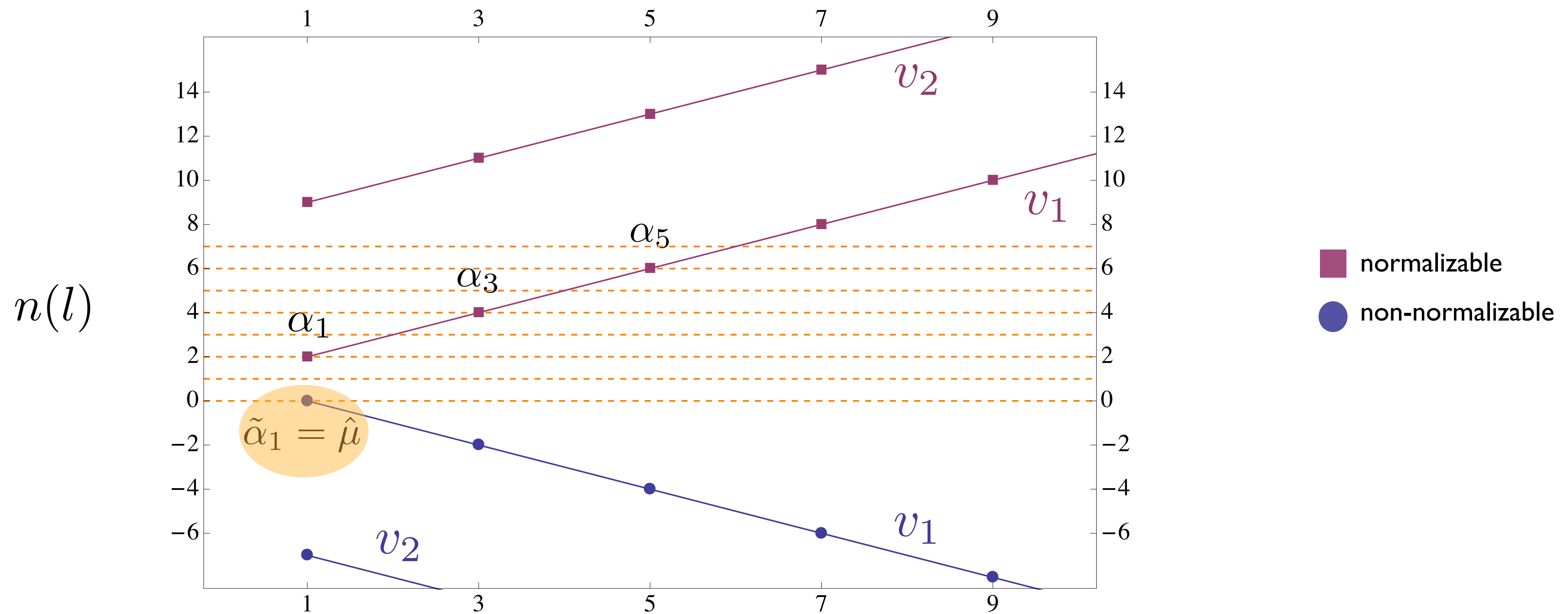
- Boundary metric has  $SO(9)$  symmetry, so  $\tilde{Q}_i^j(x)$  are harmonic functions on  $S^8$ . Thus we can classify the  $SO(6) \times SO(3)$  invariant perturbations according to  $SO(9)$  spin. This helps to establish bulk field / operator correspondence.

- 2- form modes in the asymptotic expansion  $C = (M d\eta + L d\zeta) \wedge d^2\Omega_2$

$$v(x, y) = \sum_{l \text{ odd}} \left( \alpha_l f_l(y) + \tilde{\alpha}_l \tilde{f}_l(y) \right) \mathbb{H}_l(x) + \text{back reaction}$$

$SO(6) \times SO(3)$  invariant harmonic 2-form

$f_l(y) \sim y^{1+l}$   
 $\tilde{f}_l(y) \sim y^{1-l}$

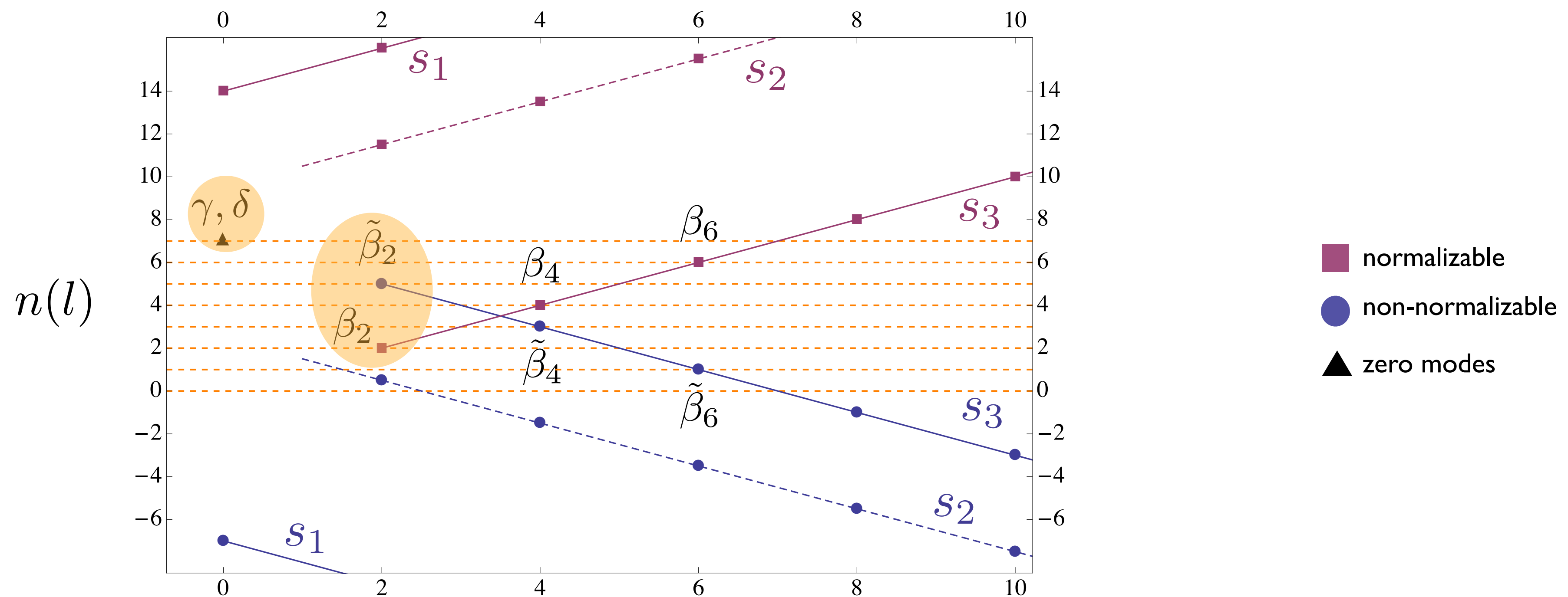


$$\mathcal{O} \sim \epsilon^{ijk} \text{Tr} (X_i X_j X_k X_{A_1} \dots X_{A_{l-1}}), \quad l \geq 1 \text{ odd}$$

- scalar modes in the asymptotic expansion

$$s(x, y) = \sum_{l \text{ even}} \left( \beta_l g_l(y) + \tilde{\beta}_l \tilde{g}_l(y) \right) S_l(x) + \text{back reaction}$$

$SO(6) \times SO(3)$  invariant harmonic scalar

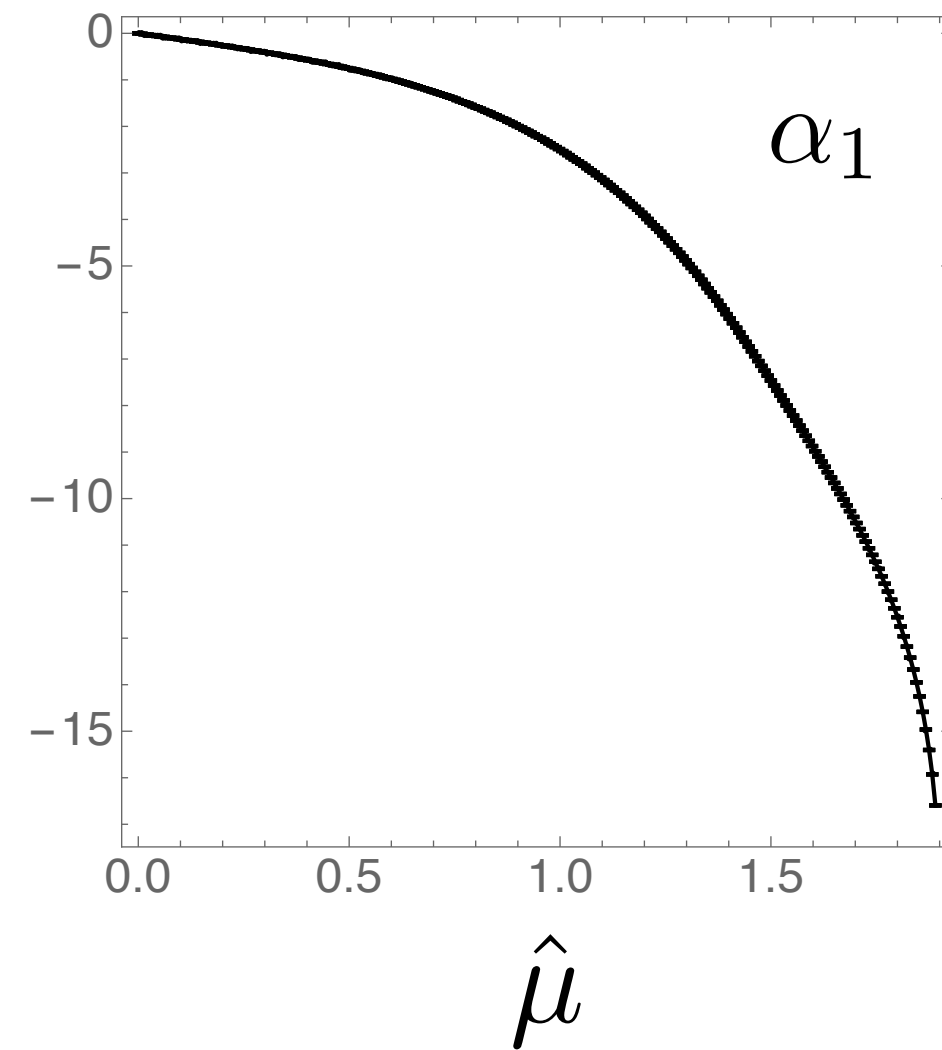


$$\mathcal{O} \sim \text{Tr} (X_{A_1} \dots X_{A_l}) , \quad l \geq 2 \text{ even}$$



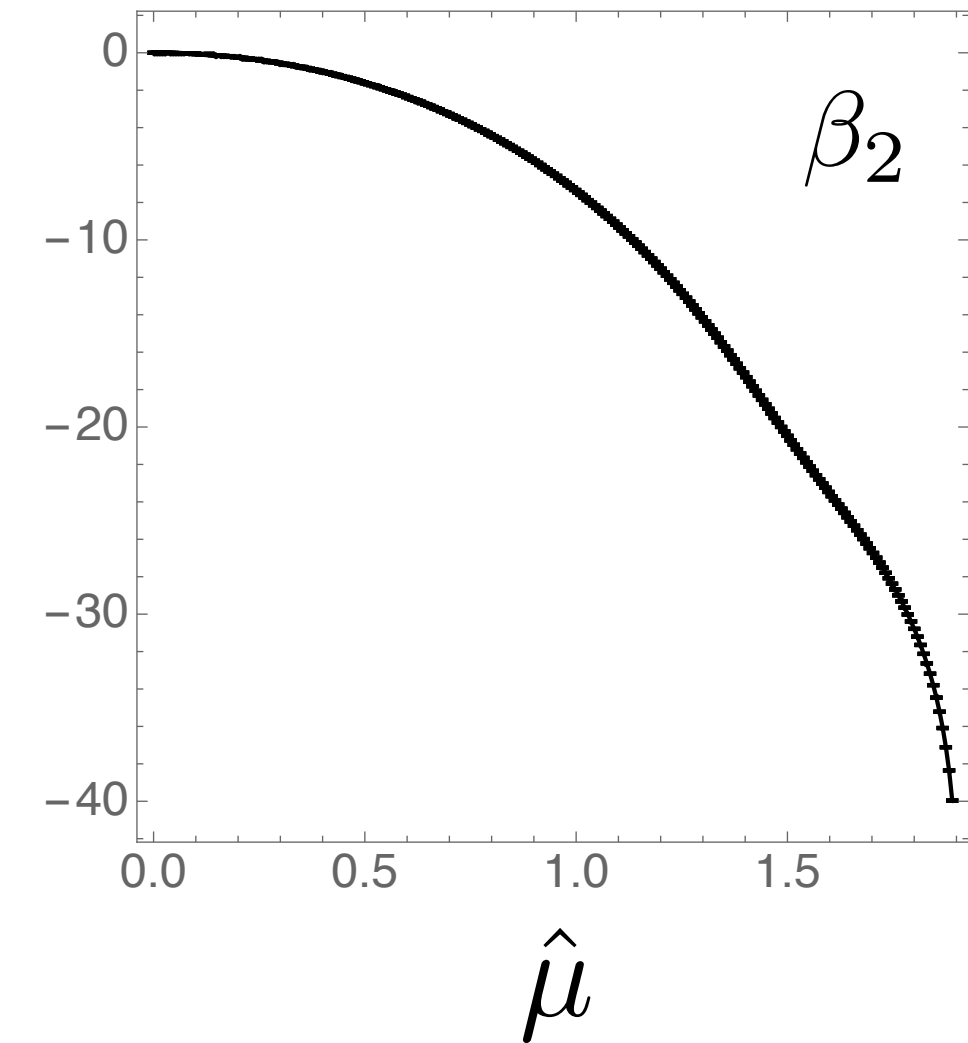
- Vevs read from normalizable modes appear first at order  $y^2$

2-form ( $l = 1$ )



$$\epsilon^{ijk} \langle \text{Tr} (X_i X_j X_k) \rangle$$

Scalar ( $l = 2$ )

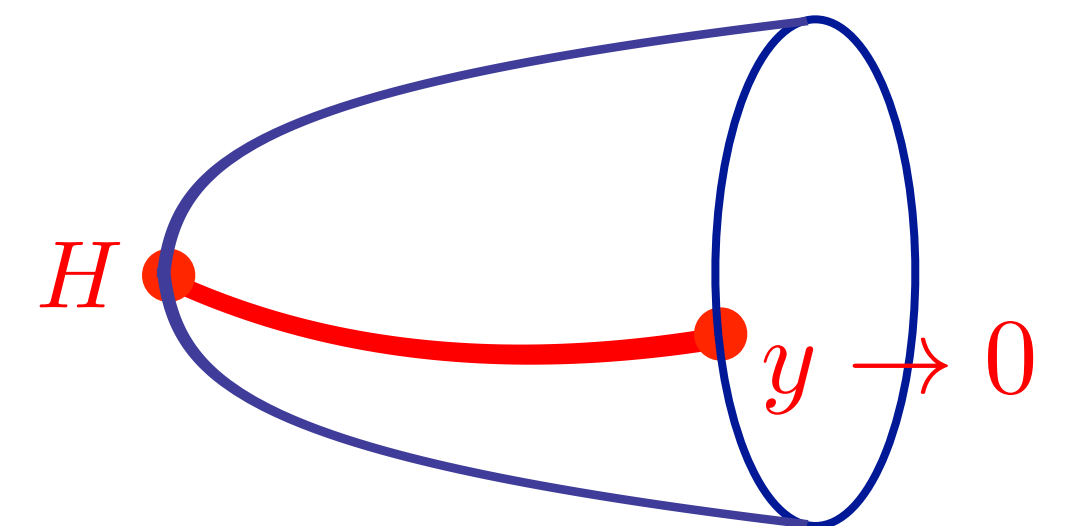


$$\langle \text{Tr} (2X_i X^i - X_a X^a) \rangle$$

- Smarr formulae involve coefficients in asymptotic expansion up to order  $y^7$

Numerics pass this highly non-trivial check with 0.05% accuracy

$$d(\star K_v) = 0$$



## Future work

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- Confirm phase diagram with **Monte-Carlo** simulations of PWMM; confirm predictions for expectation values of operators dual to normalizable modes that are turned on
- Study dynamical **stability** of our BH
- Construct BH duals of **other vacua** (different horizon topology) (caveat: we really only determined upper limit on critical temperature)
- **Deeper question:** What makes the PWMM special? What are the minimal ingredients of a **quantum mechanical** system such that it gives rise to classical **gravity** in the limit of many degrees of freedom?

**THANK YOU**